

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the application. Claims 28-50 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

The claims of the present application were subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as being directed to distinct inventions, wherein Group I (claims 1-27) is directed to a device and Group II (claims 28-50) is directed to a method.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-27) without traverse.

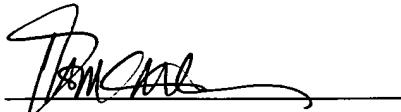
II. CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 20-0668, TI-37151.

Respectfully submitted,
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